

Changes in Medicare for 2019

Due to a change in federal law, many Minnesota seniors with a specific type of Medicare plan, known as a "Cost Plan," may need to enroll in new coverage for 2019 during the Annual Enrollment Period (Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2018).

Understanding Your Cost Plan

The federal law change affects only Minnesota seniors who have Medicare Cost Plans-but it doesn't affect everyone the same way. Different insurers have different names for their Cost Plans. Seniors can call the phone number on the back of their health plan member card to find out if they have a Cost Plan.

Medicare by the Numbers



1 million

Minnesota seniors have Medicare

{370,000}

have Medicare Cost Plans



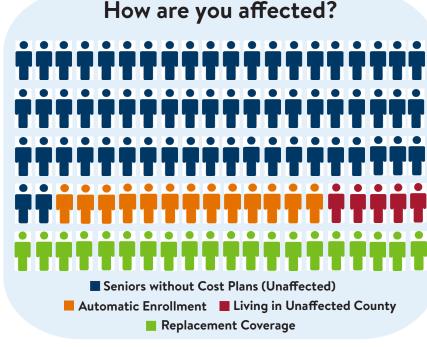
195,000(est.)

will need to take action this fall to obtain replacement Medicare coverage for 2019



125,000(est.)

may be automatically enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan with their current Medicare insurer





live in counties that will

50,000(est.)

not be affected by the federal law change

Moving Forward

This summer ---



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Annual Enrollment Period to choose 2019 Medicare coverage.

Minnesota seniors affected by the federal law change will receive letters from Medicare and their insurer about whether they need to change plans and their options.

Details for 2019 Medicare health plans will be available.

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Medicare

1-800-Medicare www.Medicare.gov

Minnesota Commerce Department

1-800-657-3602 consumer.protection@state.mn.us